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THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Illinois (Ms. UNDERWOOD) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. UNDERWOOD led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

ANOTHER HISTORIC INVESTMENT IN AMERICA

(Ms. UNDERWOOD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, last week, House Democrats advanced yet another historic investment in the American people, the America COMPETES Act. Not only will the America COMPETES Act strengthen our economic and national security, it supports the production of U.S. semiconductors, which play a role in nearly every sector of our economy.

This critical \$52 billion investment in semiconductors will address chip shortages and supply chain disruptions, lowering car costs for consumers while creating good-paying jobs. I have heard from my neighbors how much they have been feeling the recent spike in new and used car prices and wait times, and this bill will help.

The America COMPETES Act also makes transformational investments in research, authorizing a new program to advance accelerator technology and build on the work of scientists at Fermilab National Accelerator Facility in my district.

I am proud to support this comprehensive legislation to boost American competitiveness and broaden economic opportunity, and I urge my colleagues in the Senate to act swiftly to send it to President Biden's desk.

IOWA'S INDEPENDENT BEEF PRODUCERS

(Mr. FEENSTRA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FEENSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of Iowa's independent beef producers amid the ongoing DOJ investigations into anti-competitive behavior by the Big Four Meat Packers.

On Wednesday, JBS Foods, the world's largest meat supplier, paid \$52 million to sweep their price-fixing shenanigans under the rug. But they can't hide what we have known all along. These big meat packers are illegally distorting the market to increase their profits and at the expense on Iowa family farmers. It is shameful and it is wrong.

That is why we need to pass the Cattle Price Discovery and Transparency Act to finally hold big packers accountable and help Iowa's small, independent producers compete on a level playing field. That is what a free and fair market is all about. It is time that DOJ do its job and take real steps to hold Big Four Meat Packers accountable.

We have waited long enough.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ESTEBAN TORRES

(Mr. TAKANO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay my respects to the late, former Congressman Esteban Torres, a devoted and beloved Chicano civil rights champion. I knew Mr. Torres in the 1990s during my first campaigns for Congress. I was honored by his support of my early campaigns and benefitted greatly from his counsel and his goodwill. We should all find inspiration in his rise from very humble beginnings to becoming a highly respected and influential Member of Congress. Indisputably, Mr. Torres was a trailblazing Latino leader and immigration advocate, who opened the space of greater diversity and representation in California politics for all people.

Mr. Speaker, I salute the life of a Korean war veteran, labor leader, community development executive, diplomat, and Member of Congress who continued to make a difference in his retirement.

To the Torres family and all those who have been inspired by him, I offer my deepest condolences.

RECOGNIZING KOLE KING

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a young man from my district who is dominating motorcycle racing. Kole King of Burlington, Iowa, recently won the Grand National Hooligan Championship in Pensacola, Florida.

At just 25, Kole has already reached the top of flat-track motorcycle racing. Through 13 races during last sea-

son, he won 8 times, blowing past his competition. Kole has been racing since he was a young child and is a great example that if you work hard and do what you love, your dreams can come true.

Good luck, Kole King, the now-defending champion. Iowa is cheering for you.

STAND WITH POLICE

(Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, right now crime throughout America is on the rise. One year ago, Democrats across our country began their calls to defund the police. And now, today, we are seeing the sad reality that their words and actions have had deadly consequences throughout American communities.

Last year, over a dozen U.S. cities set dismal new records for the number of murders that have occurred in their streets. What we are seeing right now is more drugs, more carjackings, more violence, and more crime. And through all of it, our police officers have been forced not only to battle this new wave of lawlessness, but also they have been fighting to keep the funding that provides the training and the equipment that they need to keep us safe.

It is actually very simple to see, we cannot afford to defund the police. We cannot afford to leave our communities vulnerable to crime. It is time for liberals to take public safety seriously. It is time to back the men and women in blue. And it is time to stand up for law enforcement.

FENTANYL DRUG OVERDOSES

(Mr. WALBERG asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, each year, too many lives are cut short because of drug overdoses. And fentanyl and its analogs, most of which originate from China, are making this crisis even worse.

Sadly, under the Biden administration's porous border policies, many of these deadly drugs are flooding across the southern border and devastating communities across the country. We need to use every available resource to fight back, including giving law enforcement the flexibility to go after drug traffickers who flout the law. Unless we take action, an important tool—the DEA's emergency scheduling order for fentanyl-related substances—will expire this very month.

It is past time to make this scheduling classification permanent, and I am proud to cosponsor the HALT Fentanyl Act to do just that.

Mr. Speaker, let's pass this bill, secure the border, and stem the tide of the growing fentanyl crisis.